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DSCYF Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services Graduates Third Class of Second Chance Canine Program Students



Wilmington, DE – Earlier this month, several DSCYF youth completed the Second Chance Canine Program, a collaboration between the Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services (DYRS), the Division of Public Health's Office of Animal Welfare, and the Faithful Friends Animal Society.

Created in July 2015, the program teaches adjudicated youth basic care and training skills for dogs that are awaiting adoption. Youth are able demonstrate responsibility and compassion while the dogs become more likely to be adopted since their behaviors have improved.



Secretary Benson-Green, OAW Chief Mark Tobin, and DYRS Deputy Director Jack McDonough award certificate to a youth.

The ceremony, held May 3, 2016 on the DSCYF Main Campus, included a variety of demonstrations by the youth to show what they and the dogs had learned during the course of the program.

Each youth received a certificate for their participation in the program. The May 2016 class is the third graduating class of the program.

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